

(b) whether it is a fact that 1,500 new Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas will be set up in the country;

(c) the status of this proposal;

(d) the schedule of implementation; and

(e) the State-wise figures of the establishment of the 1500 JNVs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) The Ministry has prepared a concept paper for universalisation of access to and improvement of quality of secondary education in the country with special emphasis on reducing disparity.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

#### **Allocation of education cess to States**

622. SHRI BALAVANT AIMS BALAPTE:  
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to each State from the funds mobilized from education cess, State-wise;

(b) whether special assistance is proposed to be provided from this fund to the States having literacy rate lower than the national average particularly Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The proceeds of Education Cess are utilized exclusively for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme. Allocations to States are not being made separately against the Education Cess. Assistance to them is released under above-mentioned individual schemes related to Elementary Education in accordance with the guidelines of such schemes and against their respectively budgetary allocations.